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The French have a proverb: ‘plus ça change, plus c’est la meme chose’, i.e. the more it (appears

Muslims are being slaughtered in Afghanistan, North-West Pakistan, Iraq, Somalia and elsewhere, and v

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I would like to acknowledge a dear student of mine,☐ Siti Rabeah Abdul Malek (Umm Ridwan), who very

“The Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land. The Great Chief also sends

My words are like stars – they do not set.

How can you buy or sell the sky – the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. Yet we do not own

The white man’s dead forget the country of their birth when they go to walk among the stars. Our dead r

The Great Chief sends word he will reserve us a place so that we can live comfortably to ourselves. He r

So we will consider your offer to buy our land. But it will not be easy. For this land is sacred to us. We ta

This shining water that moves in the streams and the rivers is not just water but the blood of our ancesto

The red man has always retreated before the advancing white man, as the mist of the mountains runs b

I do not know. Our ways are different from your ways. The sight of your cities pains the eyes of the red m

The Indian prefers the soft sound of the wind darting over the face of the pond, and the smell of the wind

So we will consider your offer to buy our land. If I decide to accept, I will make one condition. The white r

You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of our grandfathers. So tha

No, day and night cannot live together. Our dead go to live in the earth's sweet rivers, they return with the
We will consider why the white man wishes to buy the land. What is it that the white man wishes to buy,
But we will consider your offer to buy our land. Day and night cannot live together. We will consider your
One thing we know which the white man may one day discover. Our God is the same God. You may think
But in your perishing you will shine brightly, fired by the strength of the God Who brought you to this land
God gave you dominion over the beasts, the woods, and the red man, and for some special purpose, but
So we will consider your offer to buy our land. If we agree, it will be to secure the reservation you have promised
If we sell you our land, love it as we have loved it. Care for it as we have cared for it. Hold in your mind the
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